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Comments on Parts A, B and D of Intelligence Research Facilities and Techniques

1. Part A, par. III.A.2.

Revise to read as follows:

"Geographic intelligence concerns itself with interpretation and description of the physical and cultural elements of areas, usually in relation to a specific problem objective of intelligence. To accomplish this, analyses are made of terrain, climatic conditions, resources, population patterns and ethnic groups, political boundary zones and lines, industrial development patterns, and other significant landscape elements. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The GRA also prepares detailed regional studies and conducts a continuing appraisal of Sino-Soviet Bloc capabilities and programs in geodesy, mapping, and polar exploration. Geographic intelligence is produced on a world-wide basis, although with emphasis on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The GRA has additional responsibility for producing all CIA maps, including NIS base maps, and for administering the CIA Map Library.

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2. Part B, par. III.B.2

Make changes as indicated below:

Par. a, line 2: Change "two or three" to "four"

Par. b: Delete

Par. c, line 2: Change "memorandum" to "short memorandum"

Par. d,: Change to read:

"This consists of a brief synthesis of geographic facts that bear on a problem of current interest to planning and estimating personnel."

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**Par. e, line 4:**

**Change sentence beginning "Subjects studied" to read:**

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**Par. e, lines 8 - 12: Delete**

**3. Part D**

**No comment.**

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